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21 December 1945

Honorable Paul Porter,
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Porter:

The War Department is advised that the Federal Communica-
tions Commission is liquidating the [REDACTED] **STATSPEC**
[REDACTED] which monitors and digests propaganda
broadcasts of foreign powers.

Systematic coverage of foreign propaganda broadcasts is
believed primarily the concern of the State Department. It also
is valuable to the War and Navy Departments. In the circum-
stances of these times it is an essential source of intelligence.
As an interim measure, pending any program the State Department
may initiate, the War Department plans to expand its monitoring
program to meet the need arising from the liquidation of the
[REDACTED] **STATSPEC**

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It is proposed that all [REDACTED] personnel, without change of
grade or duties or accrued leave, be transferred to the War
Department prior to 31 December 1945 and that the Commission hold
the personnel together by continuing operations pending an
orderly determination and transfer of those essential to con-
tinued operations.

It is considered important that agreement in principle to
the necessary transfers be reached immediately in order to avoid
loss of continuity and of experienced personnel. A mutually
satisfactory settlement of the details can readily be made by
representatives of the War Department and of the Commission. The
G-2 Division will represent the War Department in this matter.

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Your acceptance of these proposals is requested. It will facilitate War Department plans to expand its monitoring program in the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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